

ABSTRACT

Multi-type air conditioner including an outdoor unit having a compressor, an outdoor heat exchanger, a flow path control valve for controlling a flow path of the refrigerant from the compressor, and an outdoor unit piping system, a plurality of indoor units each having an indoor expansion device, an indoor heat exchanger, and an indoor piping system, a distributor for selectively distributing the refrigerant from the outdoor unit to the indoor units and returning to the outdoor unit again proper to respective operation modes, and noise preventing means on pipelines respectively connected to the indoor units to cut off refrigerant flow into inoperative indoor units when the air conditioner is in operation, for preventing occurrence of refrigerant flow noise at the inoperative indoor units.